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SUMMARY. FEBRUARY 9 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ENTITLED "STUDY WELL THE THEORY OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" ADDS IMPORTANT NEW THRUST TO CHINA'S FIRST CAMPAIGN FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. EDITORIAL IS STERN IN TONE AND CENTERED AROUND STUDY OF PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP. KEYED TO A RECENT INSTRUCTION BY CHAIRMAN MAO, IT EMPHASIZES LAW AND ORDER IN THE STREETS AND AUSTERITY AND IDEOLOGICAL CONFORMITY FOR THE CADRES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE THREE WEEKS SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, PEKING'S PROPAGANDA ORGANS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING A FULL-SCALE CAMPAIGN FOCUSED ON THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND FUCTION OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT. FEBRUARY'S RED FLAG CARRIED THREE ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT ALONG WITH THE NPC DOCUMENTS, AND PEKING'S NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO HAVE HAMMERED AWAY AT THE

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THEME DAILY. ON FEBRUARY 9, A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ADDED GREATER

AUTHORITY TO THE CAMPAIGN WHEN IT UNVEILED A NEW INSTRUCTION OF CHAIRMAN MAO CALLING FOR THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING FOR THE REASON FOR EXERCISING DICTATORSHIP OVER THE BOURGEOISIE.

2. MOST OBVIOUS POINT OF THE DISCUSSION OF DICTATORSHIP IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO ENFORCE LAW AND ORDER THROUGHOUT CHINA. CONTINUING REPORTS OF RAILWAY STOPPAGES, VIOLENCE, YOUTHS RETURNING ILLEGALLY FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND POSTER ATTACKS ON LOCAL LEADERSHIP--E.G. NANKING, AND SOOCHOW STILL HAVE MANY POSTERS ACCORDING TO RECENT TRAVELERS-- LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT PUBLIC ORDER REMAINS A PROBLEM IN SEVERAL PARTS OF CHINA. THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD GIVE CONFIDENCE TO LOCAL SECURITY FORCES THAT HAVE BEEN VACILLATING WHEN FACED WITH DISORDER, AND INCIDENTALLY, MAKE THE NON-VACILLATING ONES MORE OFFICIOUS THAN EVER.

3. THE CAMPAIGNS OF LAST YEAR THAT PROVIDED THE VEHICLE FOR THE POSTER COMPLAINTS AND ATTACKS ON LOCAL LEADERSHIP ARE TO BE CONTINUED BUT RECHANNELED TO SUPPORT THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN AND THERE IS NO ENCOURAGEMENT FOR "GOING AGAINST THE TIDE." ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, THE CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO IS TO FOCUS ON HIS "REACTIONARY FALLACIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" AND THE CRITICISM OF CONFUCIUS AND RESEARCH ON THE CONFUCIANIST/LEGALIST DEBATE IS TO BE DONE IN A WAY TO "DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING" OF PROL

ETARIAN DICTATORSHIP. WRITING CRITICISM POSTERS THAT CONFORM TO THOSE CRITERIA WOULD BE TRICKY AT BEST.

4. AT THE SAME TIME THE POLITICAL ACTIVIST OUTS AND THE ILLEGAL ELEMENTS OF CHINESE SOCIETY ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO HEEL, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ALSO PUTS THE CADRES ON NOTICE THAT AUSTERITY AND TIGHT IDEOLOGICAL CONFORMITY WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THEM AS WELL. THE EDITORIAL WARNS PEOPLE "IN THE RANKS OF THE PROLETARIAT AND AMONG OFFICE WORKERS", WHO FOLLOWING THE BOURGEOIS STYLE OF LIFE AND CALLS FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CORROSION OF THE PROLETARIAT BY THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE FORCE OF HABIT

OF THE OLD SOCIETY. "MUDDLED IDEAS" OF SOME COMRADES AND "REGRADING CERTAIN CAPITALIST STUFF AS SOCIALIST" WILL BE TARGETS OF THE PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP'S ATTEMPT TO ROOT OUT REVISIONISM. IN ORDER TO DEFINE WHAT PRACTICES WILL BE FORBIDDEN, PEOPLE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXHORTED TO STUDY "HOW REVISIONISM CAME TO POWER IN THE SOVIET UNION AND HOW THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE DEGENERATED INTO A SOCIAL-IMPERIALIST STATE."

5. COMMENT: THE PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN IS SHAPING UP AS A PROGRAM FOR LAW AND ORDER IN THE STREETS AND BASIC, AUSTERE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM FOR THE CADRES AND MASSES. THIS REFLECTS THE STYLE OF THE LEADERSHIP THAT EMERGED FROM THE NATIONAL

PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.

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